લારા, એક પીળુ ઇન્દ્રગોપ

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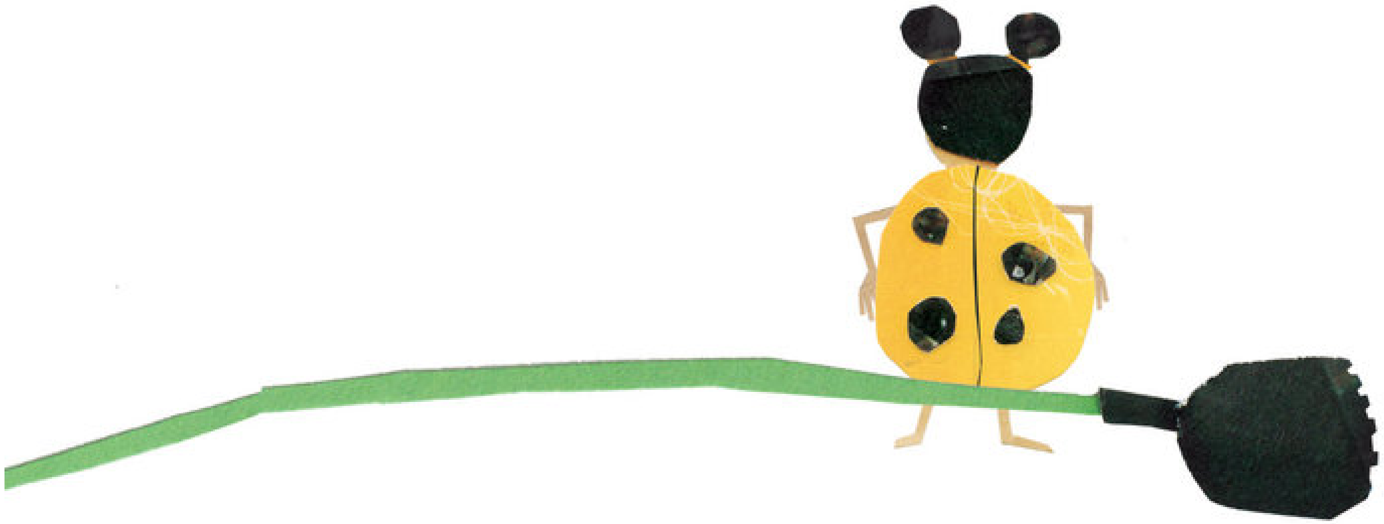
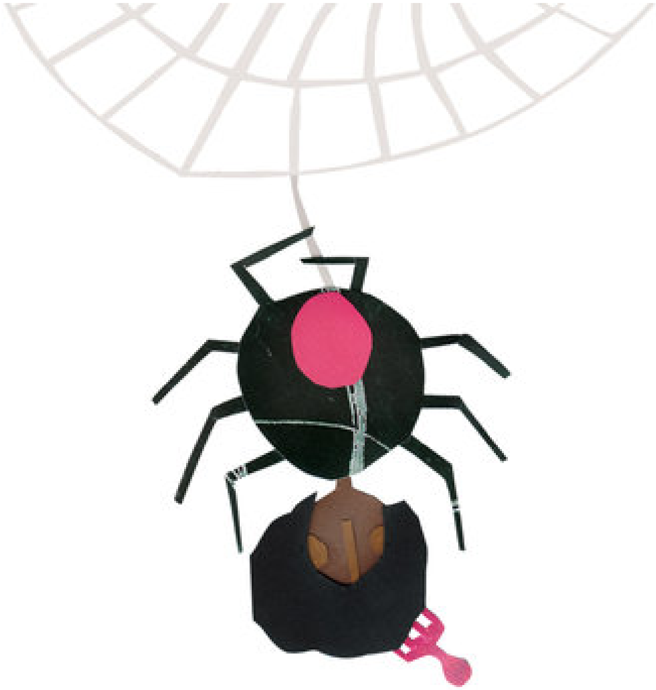
લારા, એક ઈન્દ્રગોપ, એક ખાસ માંકડ હતી.



એના બધા મિત્રો થી અલગ, એની
પાંખો સોનેરી પીળા રંગની હતી.

બધાને એની પીળી પાંખો ગમતી.

રોજ સવારે, બિબિ પતંગિયુ એને હેલો કહેતુ.
અને મન્ટૉ તિતિઘૉડૉ પણ એને હાથ હલાવીને હેલો કહેતુ.



સેસા, એક ઉદાસ કરોળીયો પણ એને જોઈને ખુશ થઈ જતો.

સ્કૂલમાં, તે ઘણા મિત્રો સાથે રમતી.

પણ લારા ને બીજા ઇન્દ્રગોપ જેવા બનવુ હતું.

"કાશ મારી પાંખો તમારાં જેવી હોત, મમ્મી," એ રડી પડી.

એટલે એક દિવસ, એને ખુશ કરવા,
લારા ની મમ્મીએ એની પાંખોને લાલ
રંગથી રંગી આપી.

આગલી સવારે, સ્કુલના રસ્તામાં કોઈએ એની સાથે વાત ન કરી.

અને એ જ્યારે સ્કુલ પહોંચી, કોઇએ એને હેલો ના કહ્યું.

લારા સાવ એકલી બેસી રહી. કોઇએ એની નવી લાલ પાંખો પર ધ્યાન ન આપ્યું.

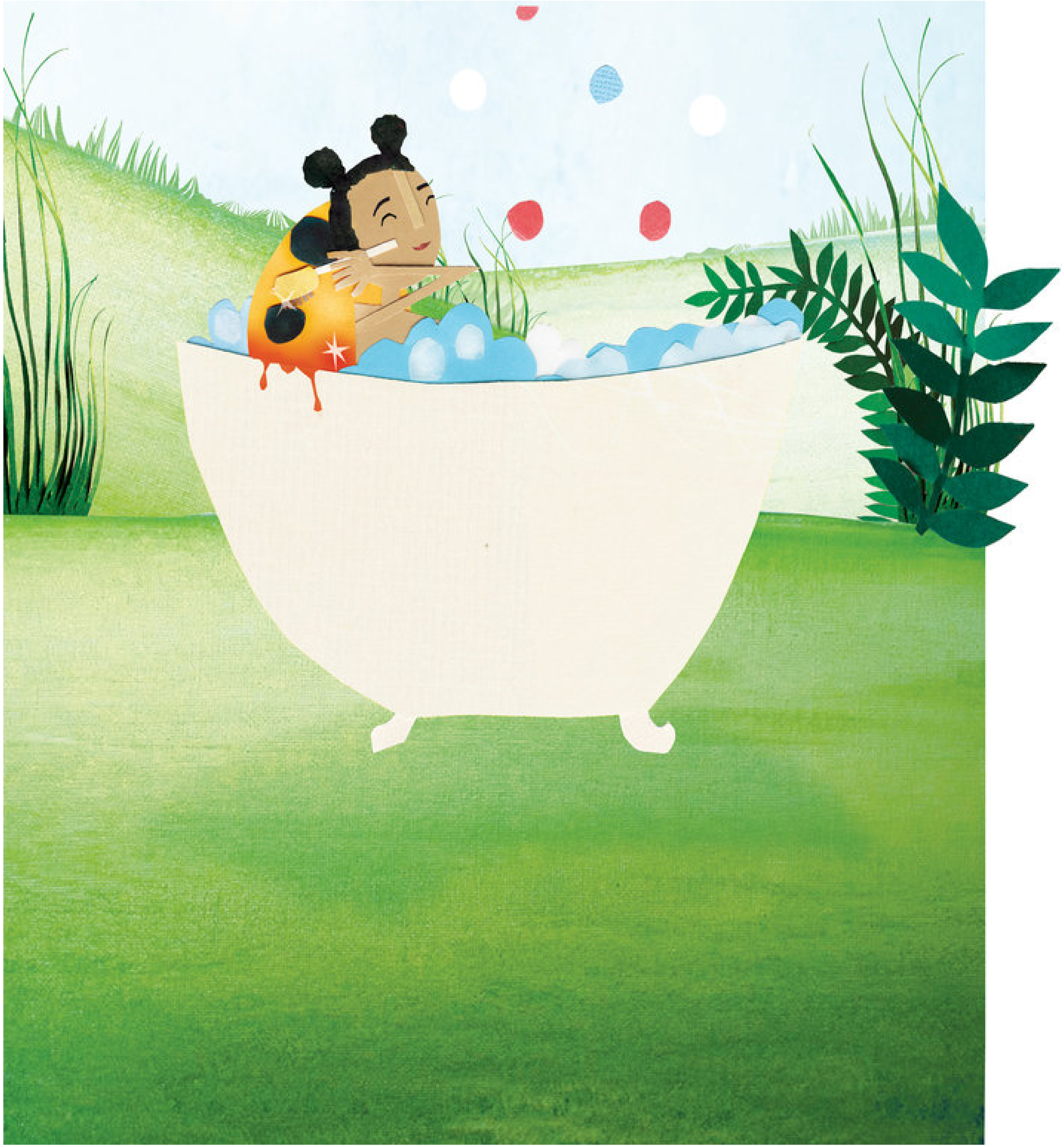
મિસ મિયા એ એની પાંખો જોઈ અને
કહ્યું: "તે તારી સુંદર પીળી પાંખોને
રંગી લીધી!"

લારાના સહપાઠીયો સ્તબ્ધ હતા.

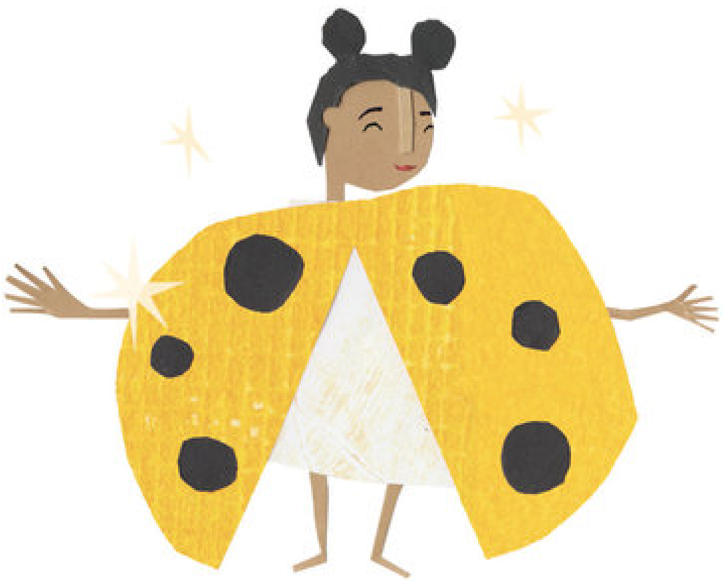
"તારી પાંખો ખાસ છે!"
"કેટલી અલગ!"
"કેટલી દુર્લભ!"

"લારા," મિસ મિયાએ કહયું, "તારી પીળી પાંખો જ તને બનાવે છે.

જેમ સિફો ના ટપકા..અને સેલિના પગ."

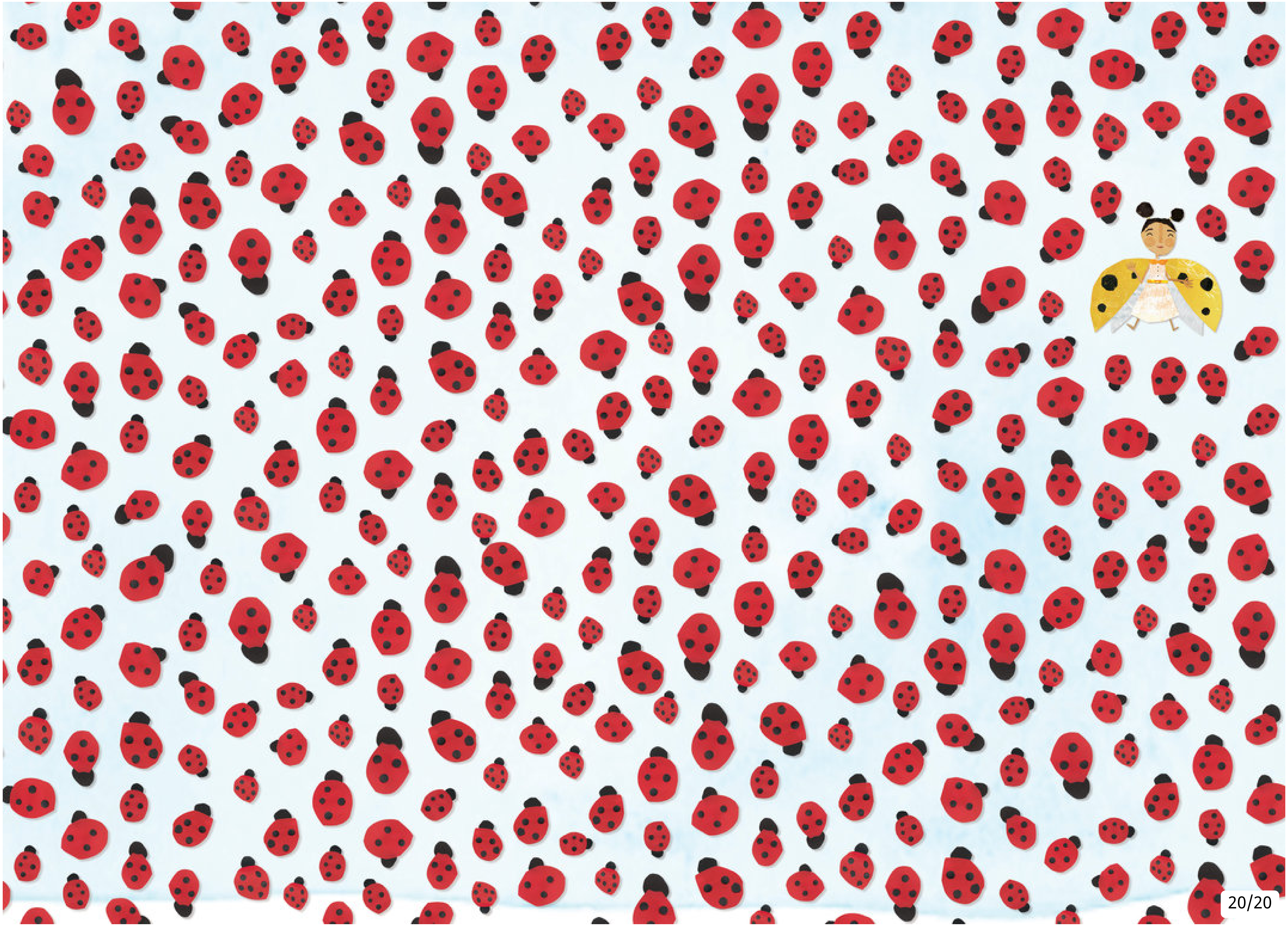


ઘરે પહોંચીને, લારાએ ઘણા સમય
સુધી ઘસીને સ્નાન કર્યું કે જયા સુધી
ઍની સોનેરી પાંખો ચમકી ઉઠી.



"હું હવે મારી પાંખો ક્યારેય નહીં રંગુ!" એને વિચાર્યુ.
સિવાય કે, એક કે બે વાર...

જાંબલી..કે બીજા કોઈ સુંદર શોખ ખાતર.
પણ હંમેશા માટે નહી અને ફક્ત મજા માટે.



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લારા, એક પીળુ ઇન્દ્રગોપ

(Gujarati)

એક પીળુ માંકડ, ઇન્દ્રગોપ લારા, લાલ માંકડોની દુનિયામાં અનુકૂળ થવા માંગે છે.

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